

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION

To the extent necessary, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) (1998) assignee hereby petitions that the period for responding to the Examiner's Action mailed on April 22, 2002 be extended for three months, up to and including February 9, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the appropriate fee for this extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, when the arguments and evidence are properly considered, the necessary conclusion is that the presently claimed invention is not anticipated or obvious over the prior art. Applicant further submits that the present application is in condition for immediate allowance, and an early notification thereof is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 404.532.6938.

Respectfully submitted,



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